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‘THE TASTE’ A MATTER FOR THE OPINIONATED

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Obama’s being inaugurated, it’s Martin Luther King Day and Beyonce’s singing the anthem. Black folk are having the best Monday EVER. @STEVIEGTHETRUTH

Karl Rove in his basement, enacting a Romney inauguration with life-sized cardboard figures. @ANAMARIECOX

Love that the Obama girls sat down and immediately pulled out cellphones. #justlikeus #inaug2013 @CARRIEDRUMMOND

I really appreciate the fact that this year’s inauguration is reaching out to the gay community @SHAYMUSALWAN

President Obama kicks off second term with a call for collective action ◗ Inauguration speech outlines battles he intends to fight ◗ New York pride on display as Sen. Schumer is man behind inauguration magic ◗ Nation weighs in on Twitter {pages 03, 07}

‘WE MUST ACT’

Plus Beyonce, Kelly Clarkson ensured that the festivities on the Washington Mall started on a high note {page 12}

Love that today’s inauguration was about all Americans, present and future. #createdequal @ANNIEHUNTR

Unquestionably the largest cheer so far for a jumbotron appearance has gone to Jay-Z and Beyonce...louder than Joe and Jill Biden. #inaug13 @MALCOMGLENN

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FEMA housing for Sandy victims ends this week

Superstorm Sandy victims must check out of free hotels by Jan. 27 Some New Yorkers still without longer-term accommodations FEMA says to stay in touch

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Some homeowners in the Rockaways and other parts of New York are still trying to get back into their homes. A short-term FEMA program that helped the victims find homes ends this week.

The Transitional Sheltering Assistance program instated after superstorm Sandy was extended for an additional 14 days following Federal Emergency Management Agency approval of a request by Governor Andrew Cuomo.

The short-term program placed people who could not return to their homes due to the storm in hotels while longer-term housing solutions are worked out.

Now the extended checkout date of Jan. 27 is rapidly approaching, but there are still New Yorkers without longer-term housing.

"There aren't a whole lot of empty rental units in New York City," FEMA's Caitlin Ostomel pointed out.

Red Cross volunteer Tony Herrera has been working with people who need assistance with housing and said the program is "pretty successful," but expressed concern.

"A lot of people have been placed," Herrera said. "But there are people that don't have a permanent source of income to maintain a permanent housing situation or don't have the basic skills for how to look for a place. They've never had to do this before."

Ostomel urged New Yorkers to continue to update their files by calling the FEMA help line or checking in at local Disaster Recovery Centers.

"Stay in touch with FEMA, and let us know about your housing situation," Ostomel advised.

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Senior citizens at risk

Ann Dibble of the Storm Response Unit at New York Legal Assistance said seniors are the hardest hit.

"It's just not working here in New York City where we have such a shortage of housing available for people with limited incomes, especially people who are isolated or elderly and frail," Dibble said.

"Stay in touch with FEMA, and let us know about your housing situation."
OSTOMEL

Still in need of financial support?

FEMA's Caitlin Ostomel urged New Yorkers affected by Sandy to register with FEMA at Disasterassistance.gov, even if they're waiting on insurance. The deadline for that registration is Jan. 28. She also recommended people apply for Small Business Administration loans even if they don't need them — the only way to be eligible for various other financial assistance from FEMA is to be denied an SBA loan. Personnel at Disaster Recovery Centers can help fill out the applications, which Ostomel said are lengthy.

250 Daily, there are 250 registrations at FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers.

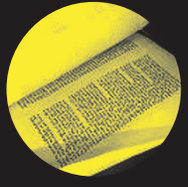
In the news

Woman jumps in front of the L train

An unidentified woman jumped in front of the L train at the Bedford Avenue station yesterday at 7;45 a.m., the NY Post reports.

She was "removed from underneath the train" and then taken to Elmhurst Hospital where she was treated. METRO/DT

In the news



Rabbi loses his Corolla, $30,000 Torah

BROOKLYN. A car theft in Flatbush ended up costing a local rabbi more than just a 2007 Corolla: the thief also made off with a $30,000 Torah that was in the trunk. Walter Rosenblatt, the acting president of one of the two congregations at 3714 18th Avenue, thinks the thief snuck into the synagogue during Friday's sabbath services when the doors are left open to the public, and stole the keys as well as the money from the synagogue's collection box. METRO/DT

Hundreds march in favor of gun control

One Million Moms for Gun Control marched across the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday to City Hall, inspired by Martin Luther King Jr.'s message of nonviolence and gun regulations enacted by Governor Cuomo last week.

New York now has the toughest gun legislation in the nation, and the Moms want Congress to take the Empire State's lead and reinstate the federal assault-weapons ban as well as limit ammunition purchases. Hundreds of people turned out for the event.

One Million Moms for Gun Control, an advocacy group, marched across the Brooklyn Bridge yesterday to City Hall where they demanded stricter measures against guns.

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"I think it's important that Congress knows we are dedicated to this cause and we vote," 1MM4GC National Director of Outreach Kim Russel told the New York Post.

The group formed after the mass shooting at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn., last month. The march culminated in a rally at City Hall.

Quoted

"I think it's important that Congress knows we are dedicated to this cause and we vote." RUSSEL

1MM4GC founder Shannon Watts and Brooklyn City Councilwoman Letitia James, an outspoken proponent for handgun regulation, were among the scheduled speakers at the rally. METRO/DT

News in pictures

New Yorkers spotted at the president's inauguration

The Empire State was well represented at the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C.

New York Sen. Chuck Schumer was the man behind all the inauguration magic. P.S. 22, a fifth-grade chorus from Staten Island, was the opening act. Brooklyn Tabernacle sang just before Biden was sworn in by Bronx-born Supreme Court justice Sonia Sotomayor.

The inaugural lunch featured wines, cheese, apple pie and water from the Empire State.

One thing missing was honey from a roof in Red Hook. The apiary was knocked out by superstorm Sandy.

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1: The Brooklyn Tabernacle choir perform during the inauguration of President Barack Obama at the Capitol yesterday. The oath was administered by Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts. The choir performed before the vice president made his way to the stage. It sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

2: P.S. 22 choir from Staten Island sang during the presidential inauguration on the West Front of the Capitol. The group sang "God Bless the USA" and other songs.

3: Supreme Court Justice and Bronx native **Sonia Sotomayor** gives the oath of office to Vice President Joe Biden.

4: N.Y. Senator **Charles E. Schumer** speaks as President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden (not pictured) look on during the inauguration.

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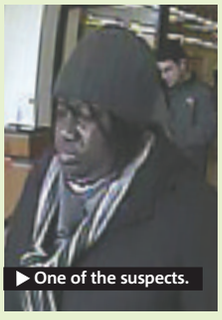
▶ One of the suspects.

Couple cons woman out of thousands

QUEENS. Police are looking for a couple that conned a 68-year-old woman out of $4,500 on Dec. 12. The suspects told the victim they had found a large sum of money, which they would split with her, but they needed to pay taxes on it. They drove her to the bank where she voluntarily gave them the cash. They then drove elsewhere, she got out of the car and they fled the scene in a black sedan with Connecticut plates. The male suspect was black, in his late 30s, and wearing a brown suit. The female suspect was also black, in her late 30s, and wearing a dark hat, blue-and-white scarf and dark blue jacket. METRO/DT

City comptroller slams parks department

BROOKLYN. The Parks Department is over budget or behind schedule on 36 Brooklyn park projects, the Daily News reports. An audit from Comptroller John Liu reportedly said that the parks department "is not carrying out an overseeing capital projects in a timely and cost-effective manner." The Parks Department responded that 90% of its projects citywide are on budget.
METRO/DT

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Plane skids off runway at Newark Airport

NEWARK. A commuter plane veered off the runway at Newark Airport this weekend, according to Fox 5. The United Express plane blew four rear tires and skidded into a taxiway. The crew was able to stop the plane, and the 13 passengers aboard were unharmed.
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Obama. Speech

▶ People watch the inaugural address in Times Square.

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A group of tourists gathered in Times Square to watch on the big screen as President Barack Obama took the oath of office during the swearing-in at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 21, 2013, in Washington, D.C.
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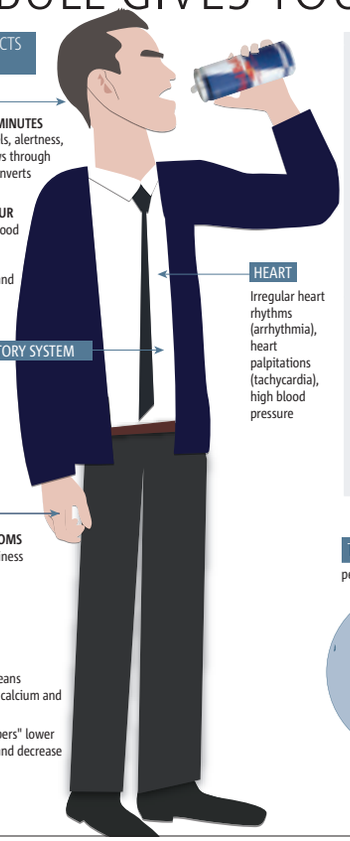

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Increased urination, which leads to dehydration

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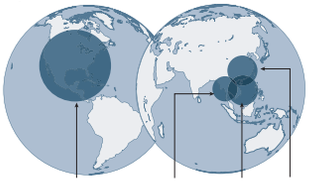

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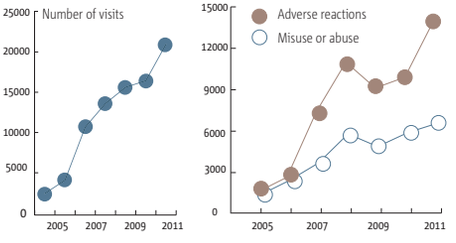

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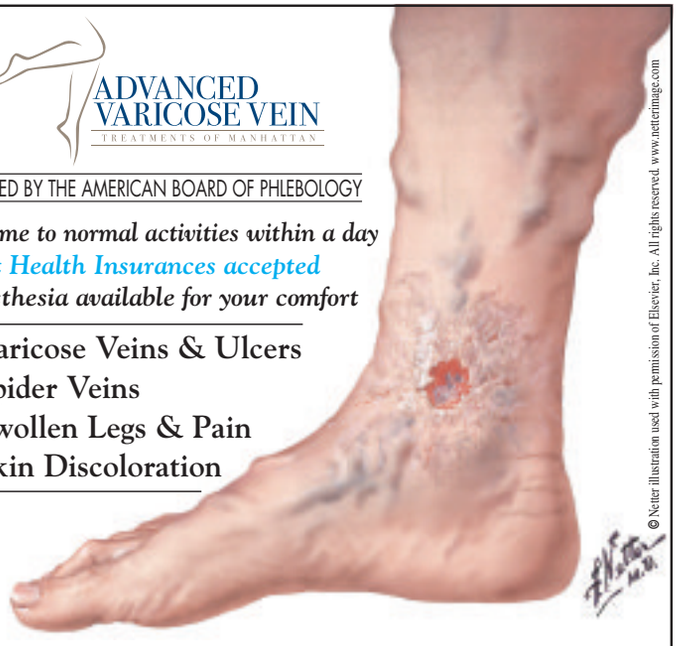

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News in brief

Netanyahu fends off right surge as Israel votes

Israelis vote today for the first time since revolutions convulsed their Arab neighbors, in an election expected to push the Jewish state even further to the right, away from peace with Palestinians and towards greater confrontation with Iran.

After a lackluster campaign, the election could be on course to give Israel the most hardline government in its history, deepening its international isolation and potentially putting strains on its relations with Washington.

Polls — though notoriously inaccurate in the past — predict right-wing Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to be reelected, but with a parliamentary majority forecast to shrink, in part because of the rise of a far-right group even more uncompromising than his own ultranationalist allies.

The election finds Israel largely focusing inward at a time when its region is changing faster than ever. **REUTERS**

News in brief

"You are a complete and utter fraud. You come on like a bombastic, ill-tempered monster. It's not the side I see of you. I see a man who has a tremendous artistic eye."

MICHAEL CAINE ONCE SAID, ABOUT WINNER

Director Michael Winner dies

Flamboyant British film director Michael Winner, best known for the "Death Wish" series of the 1970s and 80s, died at his London home yesterday. He was 77. Winner, who reinvented himself in recent years as an outspoken restaurant critic in the Sunday Times, had been ill for some time. Winner's movie career spanned some 40 years and more than 30 feature films, including the successful "Death Wish" series. **REUTERS**

Algeria: Canadian 'headed militants in siege on plant'

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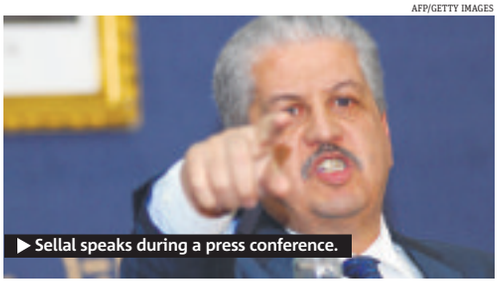

▶ Sellal speaks during a press conference.

A total of 37 foreigners and an Algerian died at a desert gas plant and five are still missing after a four-day hostage-taking coordinated by a Canadian gunman, Algerian Prime Minister Abdelmalek Sellal said yesterday.

An Algerian security source had earlier told Reuters that documents found on the bodies of two militants had identified them as Canadians: "A Canadian was among the militants. He was coordinating the attack," Sellal said. That Canadian's name was given only as Chedad. Algerian officials have also named other militants in recent days. Veteran Islamist Mokhtar Belmokhtar claimed responsibility on behalf of al Qaeda. **REUTERS**

Still waiting on captives' IDs

With bodies burned beyond recognition, some details were still unclear or at odds with figures from other governments.

Of the 38 dead captives, out of a total workforce of some 800 at the In Amenas gas facility, seven were still unidentified but assumed to be foreigners, Algerian premier Sellal said. Citizens of nine countries died, among them seven Japanese, six Filipinos, two Romanians, an American, a Frenchman and four Britons.

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Obama lays out battle plan at his inauguration

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▶ President Barack Obama gives his inauguration address during the presidential inauguration on the West Front of the U.S. Capitol yesterday in Washington, D.C.

▶ Michelle Obama arrives with daughters Sasha, left, and Malia.

▶ Revelers celebrate.

President Barack Obama urged Americans yesterday to reject political "absolutism" and partisan rancor, as he kicked off his second term with an impassioned call for collective action and established a more assertive tone for challenges he faces over the next four years.

Obama's ceremonial swearing-in at the U.S. Capitol was filled with traditional pomp and pageantry, but it was a scaled-back inauguration compared to the historic start of his presidency in 2009 when he swept into office on a mantle of hope and change as America's first black president

Despite expectations tempered by economic weakness and a divided Washington, Obama delivered a listing of his plans for the battles he intends to fight, including over climate change, immigration reform and gay rights.

"We cannot mistake absolutism for principle, or substitute spectacle for politics, or treat name-calling as reasoned debate," Obama said. **REUTERS**

Tough term

The Democrat arrived at his second inauguration on solid footing, with his poll numbers up, Republicans on the defensive and his first-term record boasting accomplishments such as a U.S. healthcare overhaul, ending the war in Iraq and the killing of Osama bin Laden.

But fights are looming over budgets, gun control and immigration, with Republicans ready to oppose him at almost every turn. **REUTERS**

In tweets

▶ *A passionate and inspiring speech by our president. Baracklooks like a new man :) Great inauguration!!* **@PLASHFO**

▶ *I really appreciate the fact that this year's inauguration is reaching out to the gay community.* **@SHAYMUSALWAN**

▶ ***I don't see the point in the inauguration... Like he's just staying president.*** **@DANNIMALXO**

▶ *Who do you think Romney would have had sing at his inauguration? Gretchen Wilson and Kid Rock?* **@RECREATIONAREAS**

▶ ***A beautiful speech. An inspiring inauguration. Proud to have such an amazing President.*** **@GREGGGOODBROD**

▶ *Love that today's inauguration was about all Americans, present and future.* **@ANNIEHUNTR**

▶ ***Oh the inauguration is on, lets all pretend we care about Obama for the day.*** **@VEENAASTY**

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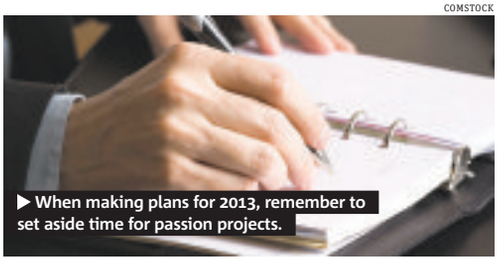

▶ When making plans for 2013, remember to set aside time for passion projects.

Advice

DAN SCHAWBEL
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Economists are predicting that there will be a hiring boom in early 2013. It's about time the economy started to bounce back! This is especially good news for young professionals, who suffer from the highest rate of unemployment at 13.5 percent, compared to the overall rate of 7.9 percent. As we begin 2013, here are some career resolutions that will help you land the internship, job or promotion you want.

Develop and manage your online presence: Gone are the days when the PDF résumé on your desktop mattered. You need to be on LinkedIn, Facebook and Twitter or you will suffer as a result. Recruiters are already searching for you or people with your skills. On LinkedIn, for example, get endorsements for your skills so your profile will appear higher when people are searching. Also, ask for recommendations from people you've worked with in the past to build credibility and relationships with hiring managers.

Focus on your soft skills: Employers are always looking for soft skills — such as strong communication or high emotional intelligence — when hiring and promoting. By going to industry events, you can develop these skills and further your career.

Work on a passion project: It's important to do work that is meaningful to you, even if it's not part of your full-time gig. By making this time investment, you could potentially make your hobby a full-time job in the future. If nothing else, it will help keep you motivated and learning new things.

*— **Dan Schawbel** is a Gen Y career expert, the founder of Millennial Branding and the author of "Me 2.0."*

Create time for things that are important

If you're a workaholic, then you might find it challenging to make time for other things in your life — but it's important.

Think about other things that matter to you and carve out time for them. It could be your family and friends, meeting new people, a sport or something else.

Top tips for applying for financial aid

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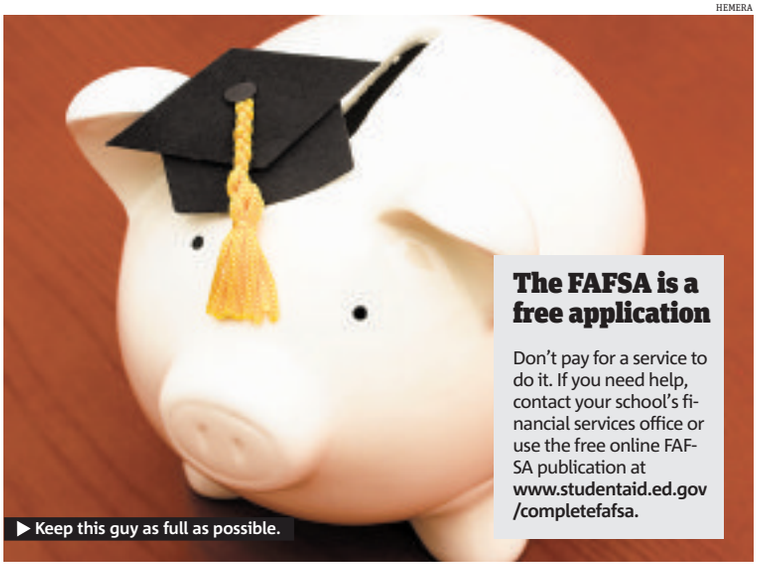

▶ Keep this guy as full as possible.

The FAFSA is a free application

Don't pay for a service to do it. If you need help, contact your school's financial services office or use the free online FAFSA publication at **www.studentaid.ed.gov/completefafsa.**

Think you don't qualify for financial aid? Apply anyway. It's free, and you might be pleasantly surprised. Craig Fennell, director of Student Financial Services at Temple University in Philadelphia, and David Glezerman, the school's assistant vice president and bursar, offer their top financial aid tips:

1 Both new and continuing college students should start working on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible. It's available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

2 Both students and, if necessary, parents, need to have their own federal PIN numbers. Get them at the Department of Education PIN website.

3 Be thorough. Read the FAFSA instructions carefully. Never leave required questions blank, because it will delay processing.

4 File on or before the March 1 deadline to get the best chance of receiving all the financial aid for which you are eligible.

5 Keep copies of each document you sign, including tax forms, in a folder or binder for easy access later if needed.

6 Read any information you receive about your application, awards and disbursement procedures. If you are asked for additional information, such as tax returns or other forms, respond promptly to avoid delays in receiving your aid.

7 Ask for help if you have questions or concerns about the financial aid process. Your school's financial services office is staffed by knowledgeable pros.

8 Look for additional sources of educational assistance from private sources, such as fraternities, sororities, unions, clubs or churches.

9 Remember that financial knowledge is tied to student success. Learn as much as you can about financial aid, student loans and managing your finances.

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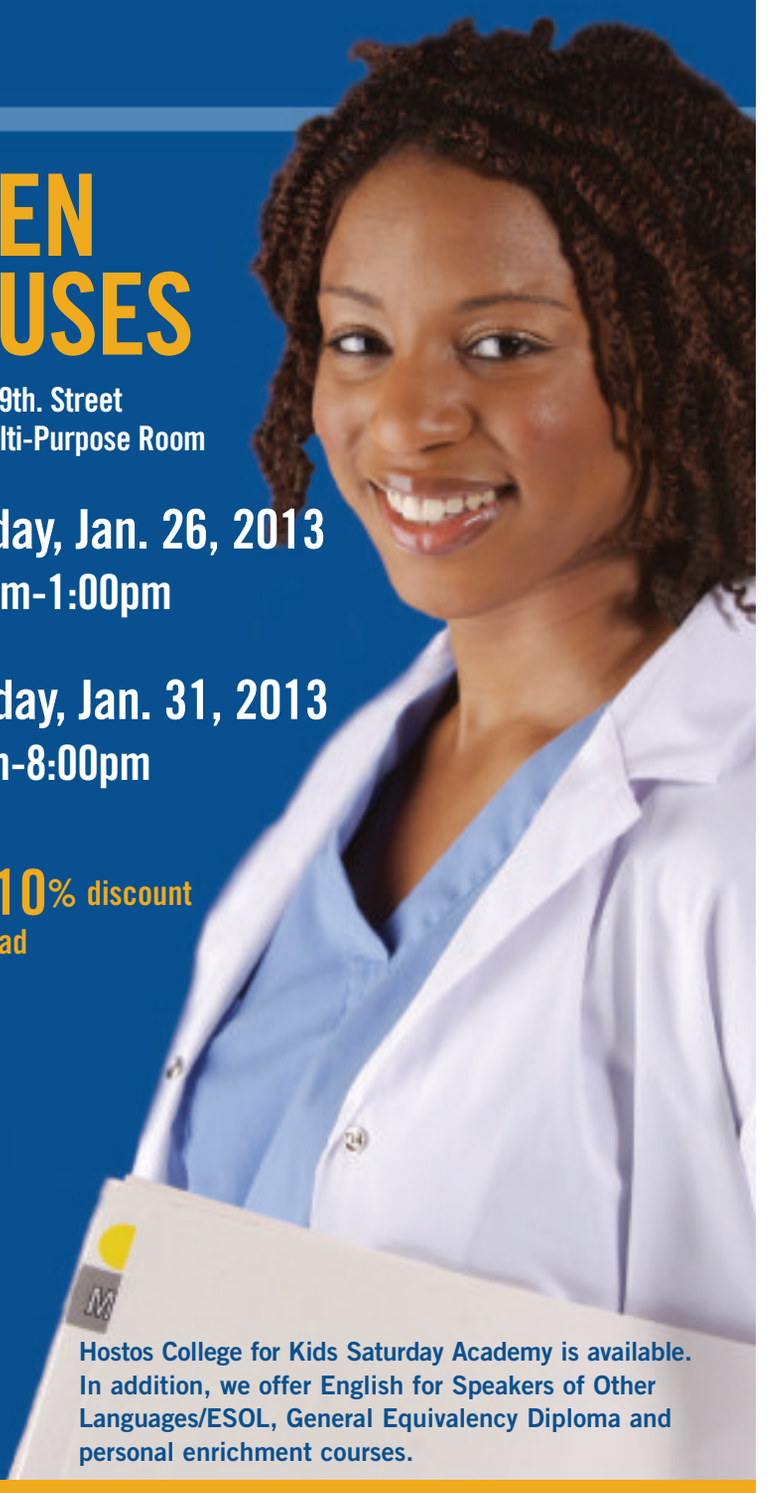

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3 Ways you can crowdsource your job search

Is a new job on your 2013 to-do list? Don't head into an interview unprepared Use online connections to gain an edge

Any job-seeker can tell you the job market is tough right now. This makes it even more important to go into your interview armed with research and prepared for anything.

With social media tools, much of this research can now be crowdsourced through social channels. Your online pals and social media connections could hold the key to your dream job if you know who and what to ask. Here are three ways to get started:

Know the position

Not everything you need to know about the job is in the formal job description. The best place to find out what life is like in a given position is a space where people with that job title gather. This could be an industry-specific Twitter chat, a LinkedIn group or even a Meetup event. Once you've identified contacts who can give you insight about the job, inquire politely if you can ask a few quick questions. Most professionals are eager to help others and make new contacts, and will be thrilled you turned to them.

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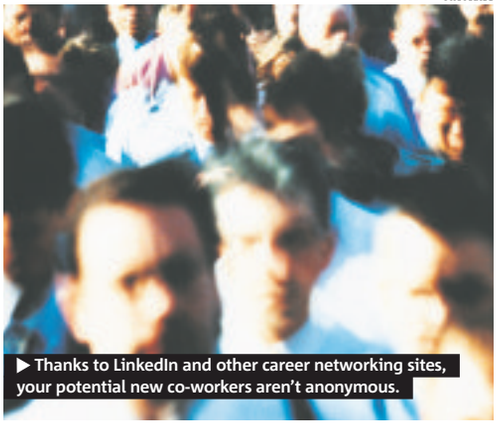

▶ Thanks to LinkedIn and other career networking sites, your potential new co-workers aren't anonymous.

Meet potential co-workers

Whether or not you'll enjoy a job can often have as much to do with who you work with as what actually you do. You'll want to know how well the team works together and how the office personalities mesh.

If you're not directly connected with anyone in your prospective company on LinkedIn, you can always ask a connection to help you reach out. Utilize big social media networks like Facebook and Twitter to find current and former employees, and then ask if they have a few moments to talk about the company. You might even invite a contact out for coffee to find out more about the company.

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Prepare for tough questions

If you know what questions you're likely to be asked, you'll be better prepared with intelligent answers. Companies such as Google and Apple are notorious for asking weird, brain-teaser questions. You'll want to find out what the most common interview questions are so you're prepared for the basics. Then you'll want to discover what off-the-wall questions the company is likely to ask.

There's no way to prepare for every curve ball, but using a site like Glassdoor can help. The site allows you to see the questions other users have been asked, which can be invaluable in your own interview prep so you're ready for even the toughest questions.

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Best apps for students studying abroad

Spring is the most popular semester for study abroad, according to Goabroad.com, and the number of students in study abroad programs has never been higher. While having a few semesters of language classes under your belt is a great start, living in a new country can take some adjusting. From getting around to figuring out expenses in local currency to contacting family and friends at home, there are more than a few scenarios that'll be new to you and possibly require some assistance from your smartphone.

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▶ Don't forget to pack your apps.

Vonage Mobile and Viber
Since international fees can get super steep, you'll want to download one or both of these free apps. Make sure both people communicating have downloaded the apps — that way calls, texts and roaming charges won't apply. With the Vonage app, you can purchase calling minutes through iTunes; that way, you can also call someone who doesn't have the app and roaming charges won't apply.

Currency Banknotes
This app for iOS offers both a free and 99-cent version, but for just a buck the paid app is better. There are a lot of currency converting apps available, but this one stands out because you can actually see an image of what each bill in a selected currency should look like, in addition to being able to calculate the exchange rate. Tipping Tips is also handy in figuring out tipping protocol.

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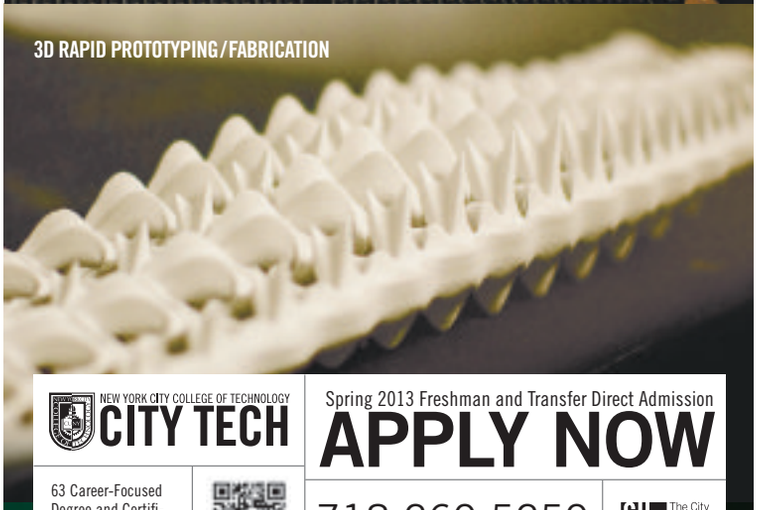

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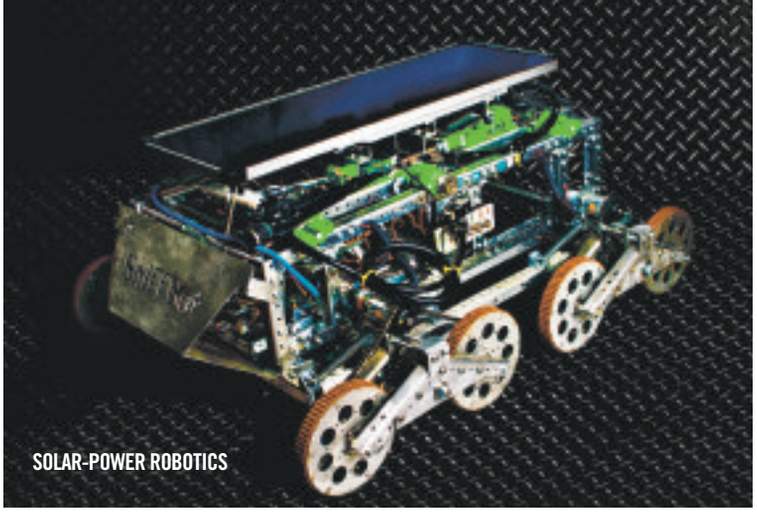

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▶ Jay-Z and Beyonce Knowles made a dramatic entrance at President Barack Obama's second inauguration.

Kelly Clarkson and Brandon Blackstock

John Meyer and Katy Perry

▶ Eva Longoria

Celebrities rock Inauguration Day

Yesterday was a big day for **President Barack Obama** as well as the celebrities in attendance for the 57th inauguration. **Kelly Clarkson** (who came with new fiance **Brandon Blackstock**) performed "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" while **Beyonce Knowles** (in an Emilio Pucci gown) cranked out the national anthem — and even got hugs from President Obama and **first lady Michelle Obama** afterward. Looking on from the audience were **Katy Perry** and

▶ Bill Russell

boyfriend **John Mayer** as well as **Eva Longoria** in a beautiful pink trench coat. And in an awesome snafu, Boston Celtics great **Bill Russell** was misidentified as **Morgan Freeman** by ABC announcer **George Stephanopoulos**.

At the official inaugural balls, bold-faced names like **Alicia Keys**, **Usher**, **John Legend**, the cast of **"Glee," Brad Paisley**, **Nick Cannon**, **Jamie Foxx**, **Jennifer Hudson**, **Marc Anthony** and **Chris Cornell** are expected to appear.

One celeb who had a less-than-fun inauguration experience? **Lupe Fiasco**, who was asked to leave the stage at a pre-inauguration concert in Washington, D.C. "Lupe Fiasco performed at this private event, and as you may have read, he left the stage earlier than we had planned," concert organizers said in an e-mail to reporters. "But Lupe Fiasco was not 'kicked off stage' for an 'anti-Obama rant.' We are staunch supporters of free speech, and free political speech. This was not about his opinions. Instead, after a bizarrely repetitive, jarring performance that left the crowd vocally dissatisfied, organizers decided to move on to the next act."

The feed ...

▶ *Celebrities react about the inauguration:*

@ChrisHarrison: Once we take care of that inauguration for the leader of the free world thing it's all about the #Bachelor

@Oliviawilde: I sincerely hope it was Mimosa Monday at the WH today. I would be sh*tting myself anyway, but still, a bubbly beta blocker is in order.

@AliciaKeys: What a powerful day!! May we all take these powerful strides and continue moving forward!! Blessings!!

@ActuallyNPH (Neil Patrick Harris): A brilliant speech today by @BarackObama. Inspiring stuff. I'm very proud to be an American.

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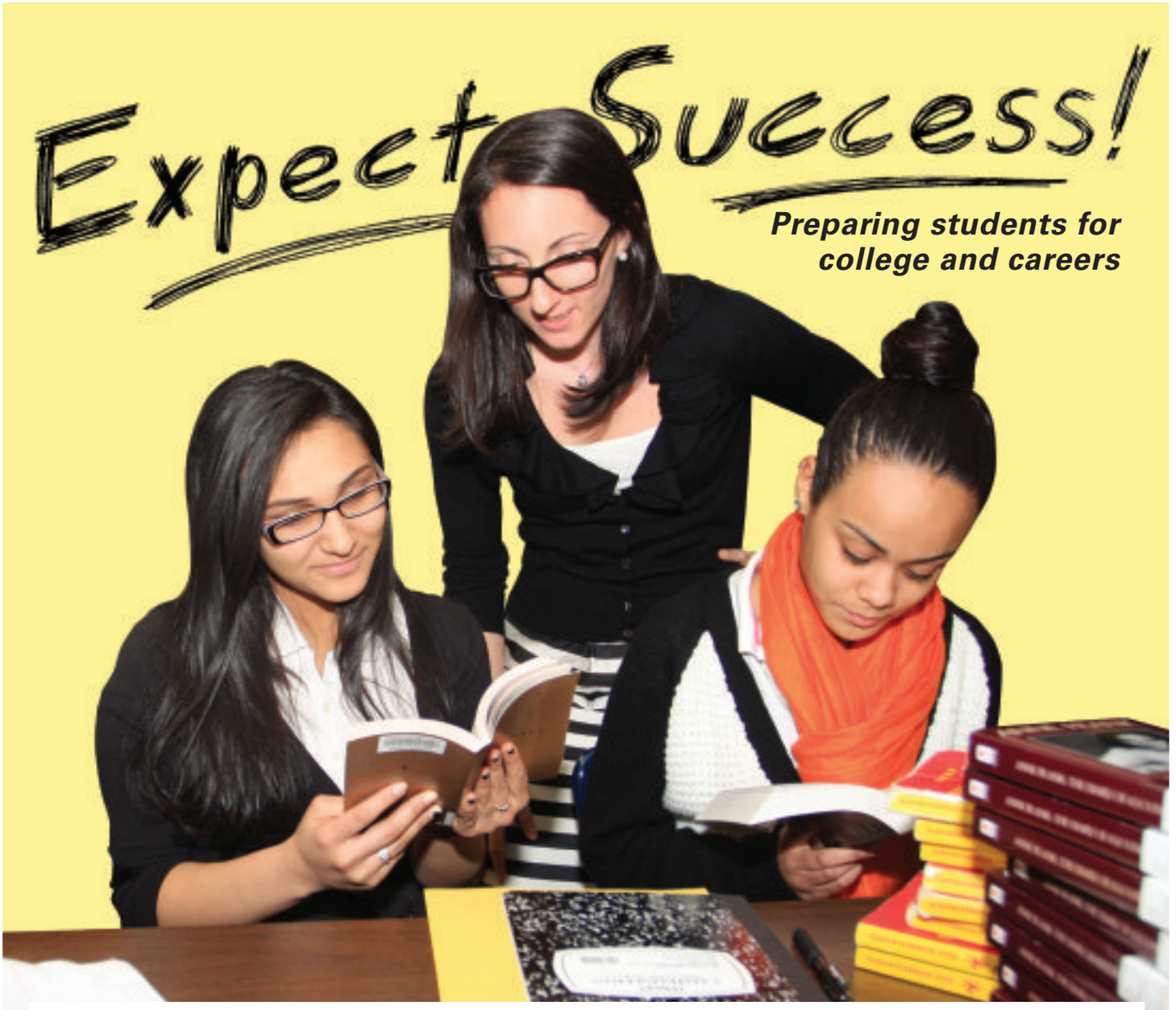

To be prepared for college and careers, students need advanced skills. They must be able to read challenging books, think critically, and solve difficult math problems. Tough new course work, tied to what's called the Common Core Learning Standards, will help your child develop the higher-level skills he or she needs to succeed. This month's education insert includes articles on the Common Core, a unique library program to improve student achievement, and ways you can help your child become college and career ready. For more information, search NYC.gov for Common Core Library.

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Eight Ways to Become College and Career Ready

It's never too early to explore your child's academic interests and reinforce his or her strengths. Here are eight ways to get your child started on the path to college or a career:

1 Stay informed. Log in to arisparentlink.org to find out how your child is doing in school and make sure his or her grades are recorded accurately.

2 Make some dates. Place important dates, such as application deadlines, parent-teacher conferences, grade 3-8 tests and Regents exams, on your calendar. For more dates, search NYC.gov for Calendar.

3 Encourage your child to sign up for extracurricular activities. This reflects well on college applications and helps reinforce healthy relationships with classmates and adults at the school. If your child is already signed up, brainstorm ways he or she can take on more responsibilities and leadership roles.

4 Set goals. Explore careerzone.ny.gov and bls.gov/ooh to set college and career goals with your child.

5 Get your child to class. Showing up is half the battle. Make sure your child gets to class on time, every day, to improve his or her chances for academic success.

6 Improve your child's organizational skills. Help your child develop time management and note keeping skills. Students with these abilities are much more likely to thrive.

7 Help your child bounce back. If your child has had an academic setback or is struggling in a class, talk about ways to conquer those challenges. The ability to persist is a key trait of successful college grads. If you're concerned your child is falling behind, talk to his or her teacher.

8 Explore college options. Research schools that fit into your child's interests and career goals, and select "reach," "target," and "safety" schools.

For more information, search NYC.gov for College and Career Readiness.

How the Common Core Standards Improve Learning

This year, New York City students are doing more course work aligned to the new Common Core standards. The standards describe what students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade need to know and be able to do at each grade level to graduate from high school ready for college and careers. The sample lessons below show different ways teachers are using the Common Core standards to get students to think more critically and use evidence to explain their thinking.

■ Is your voice heard? To answer this question, fifth graders at P.S. 204 in the Bronx are studying the formation of the U.S. government and reading the Bill of Rights and other historical documents. To support their opinions, the students are using evidence from their readings in classroom debates and letters they are writing to their members of Congress.

■ Middle school students at the School for Global Leaders in Manhattan are learning how writers shape their arguments by reading opinion pieces and books about the food industry. For example, they are reading the New York Times bestseller, *The Omnivore's Dilemma*. Students will use their new understanding of argument and the food industry to write their own articles on topics such as fast food and factory farms.

■ At the Scholars' Academy in Queens, seventh-grade students used iPads to solve Common Core-aligned math problems. Working in groups on iPads, students developed algebraic expressions of real-life situations. For example, they wrote an expression to figure out the area of a basketball court. Students emailed screen shots of their work to each other and used their iPads to share feedback. This was followed by a class discussion.

To view Chancellor Walcott's webinar on the Common Core, visit learndoe.org/chancellor.

Submit Your Art for the 2013 Cover Design Competition

Last year's winning design by Alana Wong-DeJesus from the High School of Art & Design

New York City public high school students interested in art and design can participate in the 2013 Cover Design Competition. The winning design will be featured on the Department of Education's 2013-2014 Directory of NYC Public High Schools. The Directory is distributed to hundreds of thousands of students and their families across the city.

The competition is organized in partnership with the Smithsonian's Cooper-Hewitt, National Design Museum and is an excellent opportunity for high school students to work with a real-world client. Students also learn how to develop their designs with a professional designer, and gain practical creative experience they can take with them after high school. Students interested in submitting designs should think about their experiences as public school students in New York City, and how they might express their ideas creatively in the form of a cover design.

Submissions will be accepted beginning January 28. To learn more about the contest and to submit your design, search NYC.gov for Cover Design.

■ Sure, you think your dog is smart, but are animals truly intelligent? English language learners at Abraham Lincoln High School in Brooklyn used this question to explore intelligence. Students read articles that both taught them about the topic and improved their English language, reading, and writing skills. They used evidence from the articles to support their arguments in essays they wrote. Using evidence from text to support arguments is an important part of the Common Core Standards.

■ Eighth-grade students at I.S. 61 in Staten Island are solving complex real-world problems. First, they are taking data from a variety of sources, including a class experiment. Then, they are analyzing the data through graphs, tables, and equations. The idea is to provide students with different ways to think critically about relationships between two items or pieces of information.

Five Tips to Help Your Child Become a Responsible Digital Citizen

In the age of "Generation Text," it is important for parents to know how to help their children become responsible digital citizens. Being involved in your child's digital world can be fun. It can also help you and your child develop an honest and open relationship. Here are five tips to get you started:

1. Discuss online safety, but don't be a "helicopter parent." Have ongoing conversations with your child about online etiquette and safety. Remind your child not to give out his or her phone number, home address, or any other important information without your consent, and to communicate only with people he or she knows. It's also important not to hover. Allow your child to develop independence online, just as he or she is increasingly independent in the physical world.

2. Set an example. Practice safe and responsible online habits in front of your child. You are your child's most important role model. Be the digital citizen you want your child to be.

3. Ask your child to teach you. Today's children are digital natives and are often technologically savvy. Ask your child to teach you how to use his or her favorite sites and discuss them. This is a great way to learn about your child's online behavior.

4. Help your child create a positive online reputation. A positive online reputation is important for academic, career, and social success. Encourage your child to be respectful and communicate positively with the online community. Explain that it's not always easy to delete offensive or questionable content.

5. Encourage offline activities. To achieve academic success, your child should be focusing on schoolwork and responsibilities at home. Spending an adequate amount of time offline and outside is also important for a child's social success, health and wellbeing.

To find out what's happening at school to help students become responsible digital citizens, talk to your parent coordinator or school librarian.

You can review the DOE's Internet Acceptable Use and Safety Policy by searching NYC.gov for IAUSP.

For more ideas and free resources, visit ***commonsensemedia.org/advice-for-parents or edutopia.org/mobile-devices-learning-resource-guide.***

Matin Luther King, Jr. Educational Campus Librarian Teresa Tartaglione with Manhattan Hunter Science High School students Rudayne Mclean, Jalpa Dauda, and Mabel Munoz

My Library NYC Gives Students Access to Millions of Books

Imagine having the contents of the City's three public libraries at your child's fingertips.

Through MyLibraryNYC, students are a mouse click away from more than 17 million digital and print resources in the catalogs of the New York, Brooklyn, and Queens public libraries.

The Department of Education launched the program in partnership with the City's three public libraries in 2011, with $5 million in funding from Citi. There are 295 schools participating this year. The Department hopes to expand the program to all 1,700 public schools—and 1.1 million students—by 2015.

Participating students receive a new library card. They can reserve books via their computers, smart phones or tablets and pick them up at their branch library. Students can also download books, music and movies from the public libraries' vast collections. For the first time, teachers can borrow books online and have them delivered directly to their classrooms. Teachers and students can also post reviews of books and share book lists online.

In surveys, nearly 90 percent of participating teachers said the program better equipped them to teach. "The wonderful thing about this program is that it brings important resources into libraries and classrooms," said Teresa Tartaglione, the librarian at Martin Luther King, Jr. Educational Campus. "We ordered four class sets of novels from the New York Public Library for a teacher who would not have been able to get students these books."

Connecting students with challenging fiction and non-fiction texts will help them meet the higher expectations of the Common Core standards, and increase their chances of graduating ready for college and careers.

In February, the Department of Education will begin inviting schools to participate in the 2013-2014 school year. To be eligible, schools must have a library staffed by a librarian or a teacher assigned to the library. ***For more information, contact your principal or librarian, or visit mylibrarynyc.org/contacts.***

Apply to Serve on an Education Council

Are you a parent who would like to become more involved in issues surrounding public education in your community? Beginning on February 13, you can apply to serve on a Community or Citywide Education Council. Councils play a crucial role in shaping policy for New York City's public schools. They also provide valuable advice to officials on educational procedures and strategy. The chance to run for a seat on a district or citywide education council comes once every two years.

Parents serve a two-year term on 36 Councils throughout the city. These include the Community Education Councils, Citywide Council on High Schools, Citywide Council on English Language Learners, Citywide Council on Special Education, and the District 75 Citywide Council. The deadline for submitting your application is March 13.

For more information on the roles and responsibilities of the different councils and to learn how to nominate yourself for a Council seat, visit NYCParentLeaders.org.

Parents interested in serving on an Education Council are invited to attend the following information sessions:

THURS., JAN. 24
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Information Session

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6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Stay Connected

Is today a school holiday or snow day? When are parent-teacher conferences? When is the deadline to register for high school entrance exams? New York City public school families can now stay informed by receiving text messages in English or Spanish throughout the school year. Text "nycschools" or "escuela" to 877-877 to receive school-related information, including calendar updates, reminders and tips on how to access school resources.

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NYC Parent Academy Workshop

The NYC Parent Academy helps parents become more engaged in their child's education. This program is dedicated to strengthening parent involvement to support student achievement in the City's 1,700 schools.

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2013 Kindergarten Enrollment

January 22 to March 1

If you live in New York City and your child is turning five years old in 2013, it's time to start thinking about Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 academic year. Most students attend their zoned schools*, but there are many elementary school options available. These include non-zoned schools, charter schools, dual language programs, and magnet programs.

The Kindergarten enrollment period runs from January 22 to March 1. If you would like to enroll your child in your zoned school, you should apply in person at that school. If you would like to apply to multiple schools, you must submit an application to each school.

If you don't know which school is your zoned school, or to learn more about the kindergarten application process, **call 311 or visit NYC.gov and search for Kindergarten.**

** Districts 1, 7, and 23 are choice districts. There are no zoned schools in these districts, and families do not submit applications directly to schools.*

NYC Public Schools Calendar: January-February

MON., JAN. 28

Fall term ends for high school students.
No classes for high school students
(Does not apply to District 75 high schools)

TUES., JAN. 29

Spring term begins for high school students

WED., FEB. 6

No classes for pre-kindergarten students

MON., FEB. 18-TUES, FEB. 19

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Intermediate and junior high schools' parent-teacher conferences

For the latest information on yellow bus service disruption due to the strike, search NYC.gov for School Bus Strike, or call 311.

The lovely ladies of Sundance

1 **Alia Shawkat** attended the premiere of her new romantic comedy "May in the Summer" on Thursday.

2 **Nicole Kidman** graced the premiere for her new film "Stoker" on Sunday.

3 **Lake Bell** attended the premiere for the film she directed,"In a World," on Sunday.

4 **Keri Russell** attended the "Austenland" premiere on Friday.

5 **Julie Delpy** attended the "Before Midnight" premiere on Sunday.

6 **Naomi Watts** showed up for the "Two Mothers" premiere on Friday.

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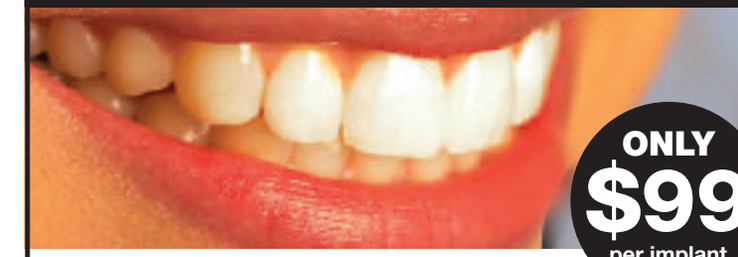

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TV watch list

'Parenthood'

DRAMA. Sarah finally chooses whether the curmudgeonly photographer Hank or sweet teacher Mark will officially be her main man. Please let the other down gently, because we're going to have a hard time seeing one of these guys leave the picture entirely.
Season finale, 10 p.m., NBC

'Wild Things with Dominic Monaghan'

REALITY. Dominic Monaghan gets "lost" in the wilderness for this new travel-adventure series, which finds the actor exploring remote regions of the world and the amazing animals found there.
Series premiere, 10 p.m., BBC America

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Impressing a 'jaded palate'

No stranger to television, celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain takes on judging full-time alongside Nigella Lawson, Ludo Lefebvre and Brian Malarkey for "The Taste," which pits home cooks against professional chefs in a contest where every dish is sampled blind in a single bite. To get the conversation started about this latest entry in the cooking competition genre, we sat down to lunch with Bourdain for a meal of dishes inspired by the judges' recipes, including Bourdain's coq au vin — which was fine but not outstanding, though Bourdain didn't prepare it himself, so we can't really judge him on it.

How did the home cooks measure up?
The people that did well were aggressive with their seasoning. They were looking to make an impression and they were very forward with their flavors. We were fooled all the time with that. "Oh, this is a professional." No, it turned out. We were four very jaded palates, and I think that the cooks who figured that out were the ones who did well.

ABC/ADAM TAYLOR

▶ Anthony Bourdain serves as judge on the new culinary competition "The Taste," premiering tonight at 8 on ABC.

Q&A

With all the shows you're already involved with, why take on this one as well?
I travel with a crew of four people [for "No Reservations"]. I never knew any other way of making television, so to go from that into this gigantic set that looks like the end of a Bond film — you know, inside the volcano — with a giant crew, a big network thing, to say it was a challenge would be an understatement.

Did the challenges take into account both types of contestants?
The challenges were all designed beforehand, and there were a couple that were geared more toward home cooks. A comfort food challenge is obviously in a zone where a home cook is just as likely to be good at it as a professional.

What did you think of the team you coached?
I love my team. I would stand there and think, "I don't want any of them to ever go home. I don't think I could bear it if any of them ever go home." I was the biggest wuss immediately. That was the biggest surprise to me, that I ended up giving a s—. Like, in a really big way.

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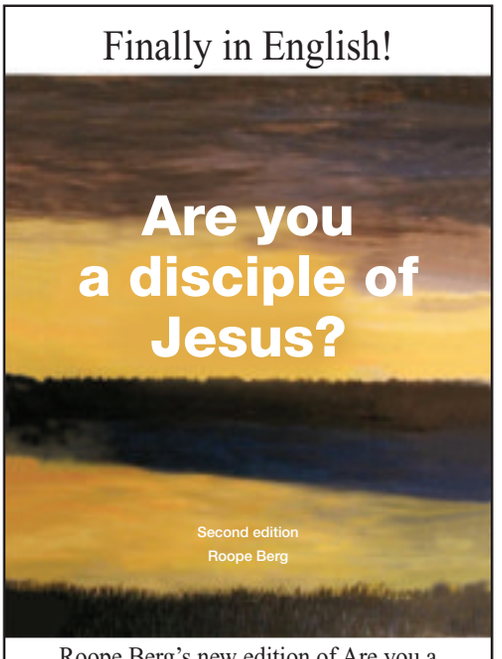

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4 Books to read to your kids this January

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'The Black Rabbit'

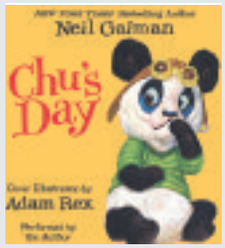
Philippa Leathers
One day, a plucky rabbit wakes up and sees a scary black rabbit right behind him. Rabbit runs and swims, but can't shake him. Is this new black rabbit a friend or foe for little rabbit? (Spoiler alert: It's his adorable shadow!)

'Huggy Kissy'

Leslie Patricelli
Looking for a Valentine's Day gift for the new baby in your life? This easy-to-read board book follows a little baby looking for a snuggly hug and kiss from everyone.

'Chu's Day'

Neil Gaiman
Few authors are as beloved as Neil Gaiman — and now he's aiming to have an entirely new generation fall in love with him with "Chu's Day." Coupled with Adam Rex's gorgeous illustrations, readers follow a little panda named Chu to see if he will unleash a giant sneeze or not.



'Grumpy Goat'

Brett Helquist
"Sunny Acres was the friendliest little farm in the country ... until one day that grumpy goat arrived," is how Helquist's latest begins. But one day, Grumpy Goat meets a new friend and his outlook changes. It's a touching, beautifully illustrated book about life and loss for little ones.

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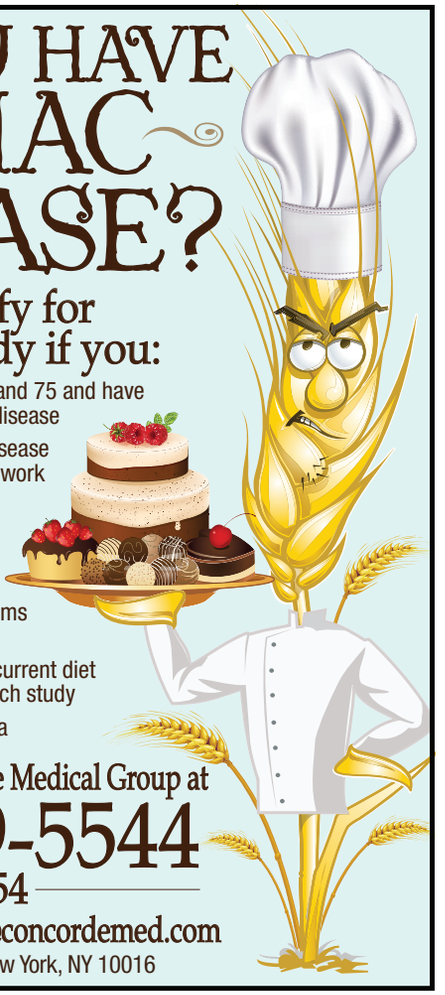

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Screening can miss hearing loss: Study

Parents shouldn't be falsely reassured if their child passed a newborn hearing test Research shows the possibility of an incorrect diagnosis

New research provides further evidence that some babies who pass their newborn hearing tests are found to be deaf or hard of hearing as young children.

Some of those newborns may receive passing grades incorrectly, researchers said, but others can be born with good hearing but develop progressive hearing loss as babies and toddlers.

"A parent or a physician may think, 'Oh, this child passed the screen, so they must not have hearing loss,'" said Dr. David Chi, the study's lead author from the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pennsylvania.

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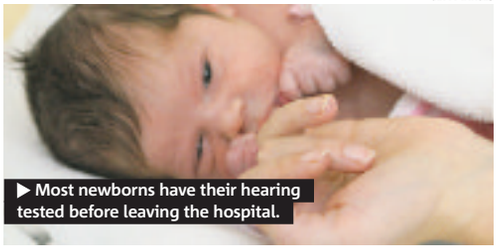

▶ Most newborns have their hearing tested before leaving the hospital.

Chi and his colleagues analyzed the medical records of 923 kids who came to their medical center with hearing loss between 2001 and 2011, and were between 4 and 5 years old, on average.

Data showed that 78 of the children had passed their initial newborn screening.

There was no identifiable cause of hearing problems in more than half of the kids' medical records. The rest had deafness related to genetics, structural problems with their ears or complications from childhood such as infection. REUTERS

By the numbers

2 or 3

Out of every 1,000 U.S. children are born deaf or with hearing problems, according to the National Institutes of Health, and more go on to become hard of hearing and develop speech difficulties.

Screen early

"We don't know what is the false negative rate [of newborn screening] versus the delayed onset rate,'" said Dr. Nancy Young, a pediatric otolaryngologist.

Having deafness spotted and treated early, such as with cochlear implants, is important for children's future language development, she noted. "We need to stay on the lookout, be vigilant and refer these children in," said Young.

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♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In an involvement with friends, don't depend upon any one person to get things organized. You should know: If you want something done, do it yourself.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You're likely to be far more successful in your commercial affairs if you use an indirect approach. Don't be too obvious about your intentions and tip your hand prematurely.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you feel you could do a better job of making arrangements for others than someone else, don't hesitate to ask to take over. That person might be pleased to get rid of the job.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** An important objective is reachable, but you might have to alter your tactics to achieve it. You won't mind being flexible to deal with shifting conditions.

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you always do quite well with situations that challenge your imagination and creativity, you won't dodge assignments that appear complex or difficult to others.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Much to your surprise, you'll perform ably and even reap substantial benefits from an arrangement that you thought offered little or no possibilities whatsoever.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Teaming up with others could turn out to be a fortunate move for you, especially if your allies are as bold as you are. This isn't a day for shrinking violets.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You are now in a cycle where you could receive a lot of deserving acknowledgement and rewards for past work. Push harder.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Instead of attempting to manipulate developments, let nature run its course. You're in a fortunate cycle, but Lady Luck needs lots of room and freedom to operate.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Remain both hopeful and expectant today, because just when you think an important matter can't be finalized to your satisfaction events will take a turn for the better.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Try once again to get in touch with certain people who you believe are important to your immediate plans. They are likely to be more receptive to your ideas than they were previously.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Be sure to manage your resources with extreme care, because your material trends look uncertain. Don't unrealistically raise your expectations.

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20 Life story
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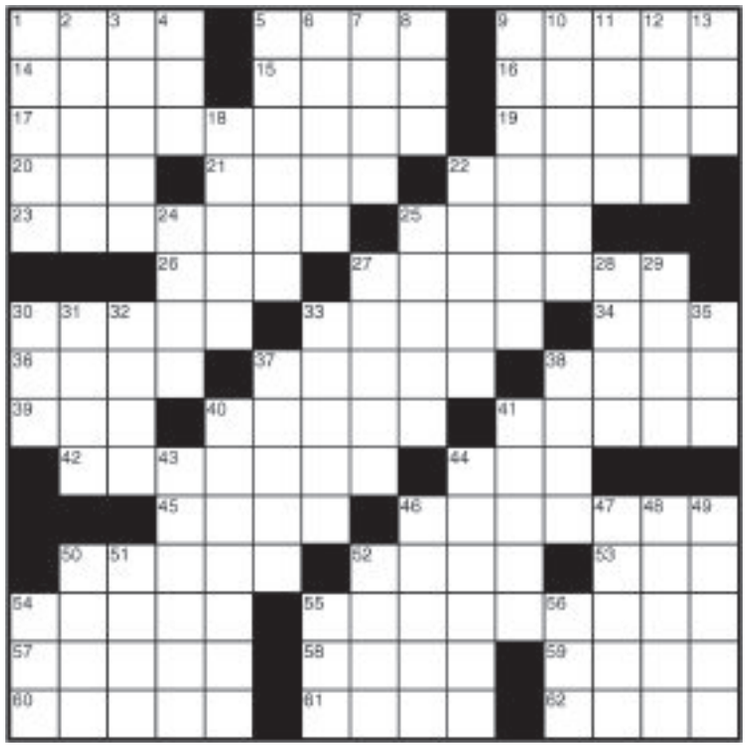

Letters

Taking our guns the first step toward tyranny, feudalism

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BRUCE A. BENNETT, VIA E-MAIL, RE: "THE MAN OF OUR DREAMS" (METRO, JAN. 18-20)

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ALAN JACOBS VIA E-MAIL

Don't let NRA sell you on guns like it has our lawmakers

About the NRA — every time a shooting tragedy takes place, their solution is "more guns!" Newtown — 20 kids, six adults dead — happened, and the NRA advises more guns. Same thing for Gabby Giffords, a bunch of people at a movie in Aurora, and students in Columbine. One would think the NRA is in the business of selling guns.

Wait a minute — they are. In fact, it's a $12 billion a year business. They have what they want — there ARE more guns. Their solution doesn't work. The only way to fix the problem is at the ballot box. Politicians who get an "A" rating from the NRA need to get an "F" rating from the voters.

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For us, that means hitting the slopes, the sand or the city

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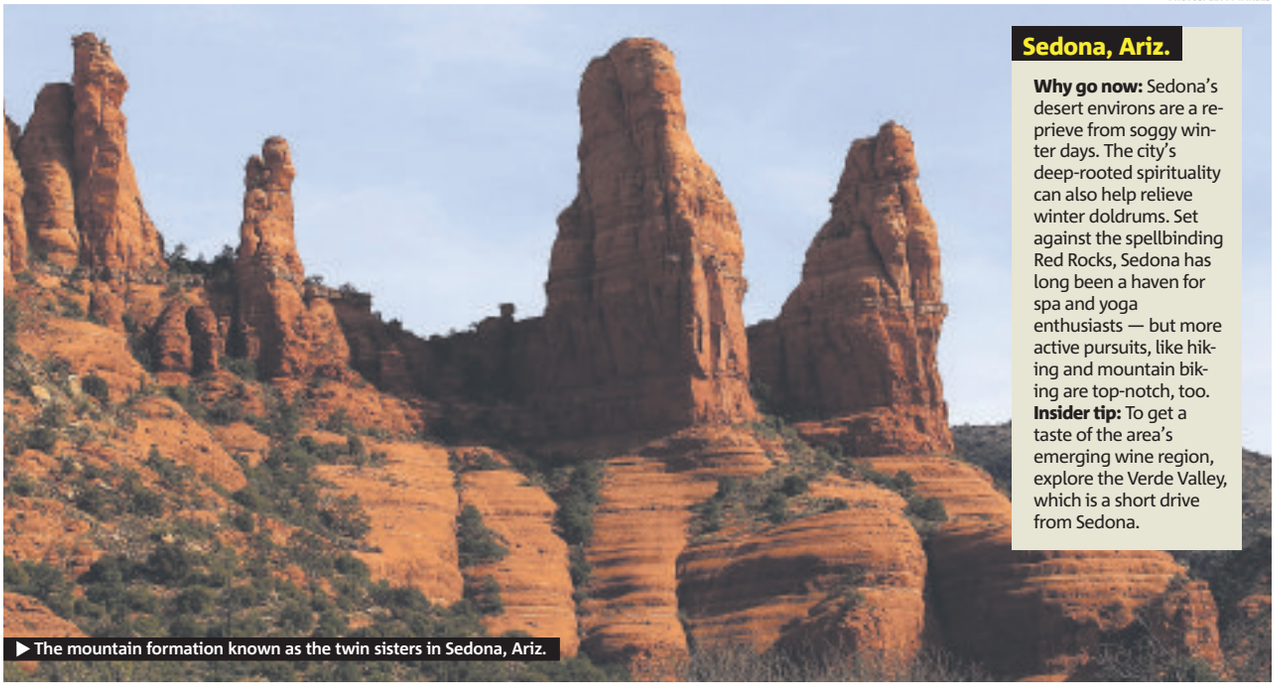

▶ The mountain formation known as the twin sisters in Sedona, Ariz.

Sedona, Ariz.

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Puerto Rico

▶ The cobblestone streets of San Juan.

Why go now: For a convenient, close-to-home tropical sojourn, Puerto Rico fits the bill. Get your fix of old-world urban charm along the cobblestone streets of San Juan. The town of Rincon, on the northwest coast, is a hot spot for surfers. Between November and February, the most skilled of the bunch can ride big waves at beaches like Tres Palmas and Domes Beach. For a more isolated getaway, consider hopping to the island of Vieques, just southwest of San Juan, for dozens of deliciously secluded beaches.

Jackson Hole, Wyo.

Why go now: From enhancements to the slopes to a sizzling culinary scene and new nonstop air service, this charming town is experiencing a renaissance. A favorite destination for high-level skiers, Jackson Hole Mountain Resort has added a new high-speed quad to access beginner- and intermediate-friendly terrain. Apres-ski, choose from mainstay watering holes or a new wine bar before indulging in tasty cuisine from the area's enterprising chefs. **Insider tip:** Check out the recently formed Mountain Collective, including Alta in Jackson Hole, Utah, Aspen and Snowmass in Colorado, as well as Squaw Valley and Alpine Meadows in Lake Tahoe.

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BROOKLYN FOR A DAY

Johnson carries Nets to late win over Knicks ◐ City rivals split season series at 2-2 ◐ Both teams talk of long rivalry to follow

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▶ Joe Johnson hit the game-winner over J.R. Smith with 22 seconds left to play.

It was just a week ago that Nets guard Joe Johnson said his team "owed" the Knicks a loss.

He made it happen himself in a Martin Luther King Day matinee.

Johnson hit the game-winner with 22 seconds left to lift Brooklyn to the 88-85 win. He had 10 of his 25 points in the fourth quarter alone.

"You've got two teams in New York. They want to be the top dogs. We want to be the top dogs, John said. "It's a battle. We split. We'll see what happens next."

The split Johnson is referring to is the season split of two wins a piece. What happens next could be an all-time classic playoff series.

"We don't see them anymore, but it is the beginning of something that's going to be here for a long, long time," said Carmelo Anthony. Anthony led all scorers with 29 points on 11-of-29 shooting. "These games that we play against Brooklyn are definitely going to be tough."

But for now the Nets are just happy to add another win to their résumé under P.J. Carlesimo. The team is now 11-2 under the interim head coach since he took over for Avery Johnson in December.

They can thank Joe Johnson for not only yesterday's win, but a good portion of that streak. After an uneven start in his new home — including just one game over 20 points in his first 11 — he has averaged 20 points per game in January.

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Rebounds grabbed by the Nets — 15 more than the Knicks — which allowed them to assert a bigger presence in the paint

MLK Day notes

Amar'e Stoudemire got into the Martin Luther King Day spirit yesterday, hosting the entire staff of Madison Square Garden for lunch before facing the Nets.

- **Stoudemire provides the meal** once a year as part of his foundation, hosting more than 600 employees from the Garden.
- **"It's really just showing support that we truly appreciate all the employees** that actually make our job easier as basketball players," Stoudemire told reporters before the game. "It's on a special day as well, a day of unity. It's great to bring everybody together for a nice cause."
- **Veteran Jerry Stackhouse also noted** how appreciative he was to get the opportunity to play on Martin Luther King Day.
- **"I think that we're fortunate," Stackhouse told reporters on Sunday.** "We play in a city where one of the pioneers who transcended sports played in Jackie Robinson." METRO

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Report: Tebow 'forced' on Jets, Woody Johnson

If you believe Ted Sundquist, Jets owner Woody Johnson never wanted anything to do with Tim Tebow.

Sundquist, formerly the Broncos' general manager, interviewed for the Jets' opening and told ESPN's Rich Cimini that Johnson called the decision to trade for Tebow from Denver "forced" on him. Sundquist characterized Johnson as saying the football operations people made the decision and he went along with it. The reference was apparently directed toward fired general manager Mike Tannenbaum.

The Jets hired John Idzik as their new general manager. METRO

Sports in brief

Islanders beat Lightning, 4-3

NHL. The Islanders staked themselves to a 4-0 lead in yesterday's matinee at Nassau Coliseum and held on to win, 4-3.

The Isles bounced back from an opening night loss to the Devils with an impressive offensive effort. Michael Grabner opened the scoring on a power play in the second period at 6:50. Matt Martin and Kyle Okposo extended the lead to 3-0 after two periods. John Tavares assisted on both goals.

The Lightning scored three goals in six minutes in the third period, but goaltender Evgeni Nabokov held on for his first win of the season.

The Isles are now 1-1 on the young season. They begin a five-game road trip in Toronto on Thursday. METRO

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▶ Matt Martin

Mets bring back reliever Feliciano

MLB. The Mets are mining the bottom of the bullpen barrel.

Pedro Feliciano, who hasn't pitched in the majors in two seasons, was signed to a minor-league deal yesterday with an invite to spring training.

Feliciano made 408 appearances over five seasons (2006-2010) with the Mets before signing a two-year, $8 million deal with the Yankees. He ended up undergoing shoulder surgery and never pitching a game in pinstripes.

But he pitched well enough in the Puerto Rican winter league this offseason to merit a look from the Mets. METRO

Jets hire Lee as new QB coach

NFL. The Jets have brought in David Lee as their new quarterback coach, according to ESPN.

Lee most recently served in the same capacity for the Bills. But he cut his teeth in the NFL with the Dolphins, under former Jets offensive coordinator Tony Sparano, where he brought the Wildcat package from his time as offensive coordinator for Arkansas. METRO

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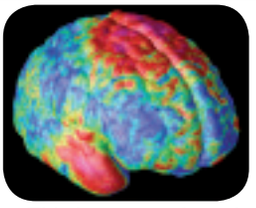

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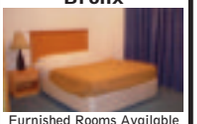
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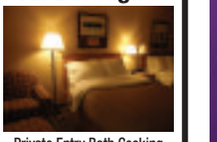
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